

Application Serial No.: 10/041,570

Attorney Docket No. 042846-0312833

In Response to Office Communication mailed April 11, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed April 11, 2005, the Legal Instruments Examiner alleges that the claim amendments submitted March 16, 2005 do not comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) because of improper status identifiers. In particular, the Examiner alleges that claims 25-28, which were presented with the status identifier “(Newly Added),” should have been presented with the status identifier “(New).”

In response, Applicants are assuming that none of the claim amendments filed March 16, 2005 were entered, and are thus re-submitting all of the claim amendments as they were filed on March 16, 2005, with corrected status identifiers. In particular, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, and 23 have been amended, and claims 25-28 have been newly added. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-28 are pending.

Accordingly, Applicants await a substantive examination of pending claims 1-28 on the merits and request that the Examiner address each of the issues and arguments presented in pages 9-12 of the Amendment filed March 16, 2005.

Amendment dated: May 11, 2005

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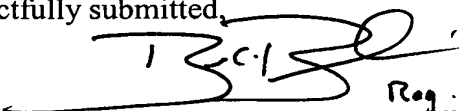
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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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